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Mr. Ferdinand Lathrop Mayer

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Dear Fred:

Since receiving your letter of July 21, I have received and have been reading Paul Peeters interesting book on "Massive Retaliation." Foster consulted me at the time he delivered his original speech on this subject before the Council on Foreign Relations, and I am particularly interested in the able defense of this policy in this book.

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I only wish I could get away from here to join you in the cool of [redacted] We have had a hot and muggy summer. Clover has been away at Henderson Harbor in Northern New York, taking care of some of the grandchildren, and I am rather hoping to join her there in about ten days.

Mott is still in Europe, after a trip through the Greek Islands, and will probably be back in three or four weeks.

All best wishes to Katie and to you, in which Clover would join me if she were here.

As ever,

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